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### The Bible, the Word of God.

*The Book Divine ; or, How do I Know the Bible is the Word of God?* By Jacob Embury Price, D.D. New York : Hunt and Eaton. 75 cents.

Among the subjects considered in this series of lectures are the unity of the Bible, its harmony with history and with physical science, the prophetic element in the Scriptures, and the character of Jesus Christ. Prepared for a popular audience it claims only to be based on careful research and to possess clearness of statement. The writer is a liberal-minded and devout clergyman, and the book is one which can be put into the hands of young people with profit. We find the mistakes in detail that are to be expected in the work of one who has not made a special study of the many fields of investigation which he rapidly traverses, but they do not affect the main positions of his argument which is forcibly and vividly presented.

### Some Commentaries on the Gospel of Luke.

*The Pulpit Commentary : St. Luke.* Exposition by Very Rev. H. D. M. Spence, D.D. Homiletics by Rev. J. Marshall Lang, D.D., and others. Vol. I, chaps. 1-12. New York : A. D. F. Randolph and Co. \$2.00.

*People's Commentary on the Gospel according to Luke.* By Edwin W. Rice, D.D., with maps and original engravings. Philadelphia : The American Sunday School Union.

The scope and character of these two commentaries are clearly suggested in their respective titles. The former is for homiletic uses by the preacher. The latter is designed to supply the need for a compact popular work for Sunday school teachers and other intelligent students. Each seems to be adapted to its purpose. The exposition or exegetical notes, as they are in reality, given in the Pulpit Commentary are among the most helpful material to be found anywhere. Ample space is given to the discussion of difficult passages. Breadth, freedom, reverence and good sense as a general rule are characteristic of the remarks and comments. For a thorough student few works could be more useful. Dr. Rice's volume has certain special features of its own. The text appears at the foot of the page—a frank acknowledgement, doubtless, that the important element of the book is to be found in the comments. There is a scholarly introduction ; the text is divided into brief sections for annotation ; each section is closed by pointed and suggestive applications of the material. The book is made still more valuable by full page wood-cuts of Bible scenes made from original photographs. The teacher who possesses and studies this book will be well furnished for work.

### The Gospel of John.

*The Gospel according to St. John.* [Hand-Books for Bible Classes.] By Rev. George Reith, M.A., New York : Scribner and Welford. 2 vols. Price \$1.60.

This commentary belongs to a series of Hand-books of which the average excellence is high. The series as a whole does not equal the Cambridge Bible for Schools though individual volumes in it may surpass corresponding volumes in the latter. The present work has peculiar features of its own which will commend it to some but fail to please others. Its strength is in exposition of the thought of this profound Gospel. Its summaries and analyses of chapters are fully and carefully made. The danger is sometimes not escaped of being too voluminous in explanation. In the notes paragraphs are few ; the material is massed ; the fine type makes consultation somewhat burdensome. It is difficult

to find just the passage and the comment one desires. A comparison made with the volume on John in the "Cambridge Bible for Schools" would bring out the fact that for the purposes for which both volumes are designed, the latter commentary is much more suitable. The "Bible-class" that could gain much help from Mr. Reith's extended and thoughtful comments would have to be far advanced in study. The simpler notes of the Cambridge Bible John would be found much nearer their comprehension. By this fact the intrinsic excellence of Mr. Reith's book is not denied. It is a scholarly and helpful aid to the advanced student of this Gospel. An elaborate Introduction of sixty-one pages is furnished. The absence of an index is to be lamented. Ministers will find the homiletic element in this commentary exceedingly useful while the devout and spiritual tone of the work will commend it to all.

#### Difficult Passages in the New Testament.

*Notes on Difficult Passages of the New Testament.* By Elias Riggs, D.D., LL.D.,  
Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. Boston and Chicago: Congregational Sunday  
School and Publishing Society. Pp. 259. \$1.00.

The opinions of a devout and thoughtful man upon difficult passages in the Scriptures are always of interest. Dr. Riggs is all this and more. He passes in review in their order the chief of such passages where the ordinary reader would find difficulty, and seeks to bring to bear upon their solution the best knowledge that he can offer. He is eminently candid and judicious in his comments—fairly stating the various opinions and briefly considering them while presenting his own view. Where a definite decision cannot be arrived at, he states fully the elements both of certainty and of doubt. Where no satisfactory view appears he frankly states the fact. Of course one cannot agree with him in all his conclusions, but his remarks in every case are worthy of consideration. It may be worth while to state some of his views. On "the Spirits in Prison" he finds no view which meets the facts in the case. The "Speaking with Tongues" both in Acts 2:4 and in the Epistle to the Corinthians he regards as speaking in a foreign language, in both cases a temporary endowment. The "Immanuel Prophecy" of Isaiah is considered as having its direct fulfillment in Jesus Christ. He prefers the old translation in Acts 26:28 "Almost thou persuadest," etc., and makes an excellent suggestion that the "almost" is a translation of the Hebrew particle having that meaning. This beautifully printed little volume ought to be widely known, since it would be of great service to thoughtful readers of the Bible in every line of life, while not without interest to the scholar.

#### The Hittites.

*Old Heroes: the Hittites of the Bible.* By Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh, Ph.D., D.D.  
New York: Hunt and Eaton. Price \$0.75.

This little volume is an attempt to popularize the investigations of specialists into this somewhat recondite and unsatisfactory question of the Hittite people and civilization. It is a praiseworthy endeavor. The larger part of the book is really taken up with descriptions of the peoples with whom the Hittites came into contact. This fact shows how meagre are the materials for gaining satisfactory information. The author quotes freely from the leading authorities on the subject and endeavors to make his presentation as vivid as possible. One may question whether the book will be sufficiently attractive to interest young people and others ignorant of the subject, or full and scholarly enough to claim the attention of those who are already somewhat acquainted with the field which is so hastily traversed.